Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether both these kinds were not being sold at Rs. 5—4—0?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There is defferent price for both white and yellow.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* My point is, the quota given by the Burma Shell Company Shorannur during the first month was 180 tins. Have the Government enquired what was done with it?

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Have the Government made arrangements for retailing kerosene in the rural areas in the Chittur Taluk?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Have the Government received complaints that the rural areas in the Chittur Taluk have not been receiving kerosene?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I have received complaints that they want more oil, not that they had not been receiving oil at all.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* It is not a question of asking for more. Are the Government in receipt of complaints that arrangements have not been made in certain rural areas in the Chittur Taluk to distribute the oil?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I do not remember to have received any.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamanglam):* In view of the coming harvest may I know whether Government will kindly see that certain arrangements are made for the distribution of kerosene oil to the agriculturists there.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I will try to give as much as possible.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will you kindly increase the quota for Nemmara, because there is a real complaint?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I will look into it.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamanglam):* What is the basis on which the rationing of kerosene oil is allowed to houses in rural areas?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The available quota will be distributed among the number of houses.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamanglam):* May I know whether there is any objection to allow a man kerosene oil if he has a card for rice.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* To those who possess ration cards and to those who do not possess ration cards, we issue kerosene.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamanglam):* May I know whether Government cannot arrange for supply of more oil to Chittur by taking necessary order to take oil from Trichur instead of from Palghat.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The district quota is given to the district alone. It is not possible to transfer the quota of one district to another district.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* It is not possible, that is what you say.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The companies do not allow that. The quota of one taluk cannot be taken to another taluk. In fact we have written again and again in the matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I may be allowed to club the question numbers 58 and 59 together.

Mr. President: Yes. It can be clubbed together.

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURTS

58. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of additional District Courts now working in the State;

(*b*) how long were they working inclusive of 1118?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):*

(*a*) One.

(*b*) Working from 15th Mithunam 1118.

ORIGINAL SUITS AND APPEALS—PARTICULARS OF

59. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of appeals pending which are over 1 year old, two years old and more than two years old in the two District Courts of the State;

(*b*) what is the number of original suits of the nature in (*a*) in the two District Courts of the State?

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Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):*

	Over 1 year old	*2 years old*	*More than 2 years old*
(*a*)	58	11	5.
(*b*)	79	17	24.

The answer to 58 (*b*) may not be quite correct.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* How many additional courts were working from the 15th Mithunam?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* There were two additional courts working between 1107 and 1108. The first Additional Judge was appointed in Trichur in 1110 as a temporary measure for 4 months.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Have we now got one permanent Additional District Court and one temporary Additional Court?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Of course one is permanent and one is temporary and the permanent Judge has been asked to work at Trichur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So there is only one additional court now, the one that is now working at Trichur since 15th Mithunam 1118. With reference to sub-division (*a*) of question No. 59 it is stated that the number of appeals over one year old is 58, 2 years' old 11 and more than 2 years' old 5. Then the original suits 79 over one year old, 17 over 2 years' old and 24 more than 2 years' old. In view of these figures and on the known principle of 'justice delayed is justice denied', will the Government be pleased to see that these arrears are brought down as low as possible?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The percentage of cases disposed of in Cochin State is considerably higher than that obtaining in any of the neighbouring provinces.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We want to become the ideal and to take the lead in the matter of quick disposal and be an example to the others. I know of cases in Travancore pending for 12 years and more. So my suggestion is that according to the standards of Cochin both in regard to original suits as well as appeals the figures are more than what they ought to be and therefore they should be brought down. Proper remedy in that line must be found out by Government.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Whenever there is any such necessity, of course the High Court brings it to the notice of the Government and Government accept the recommendation of the High Court, unless for any exceptional reason they think that it should be turned down.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will you kindly say which is the oldest of the old suits?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether there is any such exceptional case where the recommendation of the High Court has been turned down. I am asking within the last 2 years.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* If you want the information for the last 2 years, I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the posting of one additional court only from the 15th Mithunam is the result of the recommendation of our High Court?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The High Court has been consulted in the matter.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* What are the main reasons for this large pendency?

Mr. President: In comparison with courts in some other administrations the pendency is very low.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* But, for the poor litigants of the State the pendency over 2 years and over one year is too much.

Mr. President: Even in the most up-to-date courts some suits are bound to take time not due to the fault of the court. In the British Courts where there is a very ample supply of Judges some suits drag on for years and years together.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not simple cases that have been dragged on. There are partition suits, administration suits, kuries suit, scheme suits in which there are hundreds of parties. After all there are only 24 cases which have been dragged on for more than 3 years. Simple cases never go for more than one year.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the light of that, I may say, Sir, that we are not satisfied with the dispssal of cases and British India is not going to be our standard in the matter. With regard to the answer given by the Hon'ble Member for Revenue I submit that that statement is not correct. I can point out or if you will take pains to study papers you can yourself find out that simple appeals have been adjourned for a dozen times, adjournment for want of time or this or that, not for any fault of the party or his advocate.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: The High Court will certainly bring it to the notice of the Government in their notes of inspection and they adopt a very rigorous policy in regard to this matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: How many times cases of a simple nature have been adjourned more than 6 times and more than 10 times? I will bring a question like that in the next session. I submit that the Hon'ble Member for Law has stated that there will be strict scrutiny in the matter and in spite of that we can also give suggestions to see that the dispensation of justice is sufficiently brisked up.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether in the reviews of the High Court any case of unnecessary adjournment has been subjected to.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: There are reviews every year.

PERCENTAGE OF LITERACY—TALUK WAR

60. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the percentage of literacy in each of the Taluks of the State as per the last Census;

(*b*) how does it compare with the percentage as per the census of 1931?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) Statement A appended.

(*b*) Favourably. Statement B showing the percentage of literacy according to the 1931 Census is also appended.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With regard to the Chittur Taluk the percentage of literacy as per the Census of 1931 is 15 per cent and now I am glad to note it is 22 per cent. Are the Government satisfied with the progress that is made from 15 to 22.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: That is a matter of opinion. But considering the usual difficulties which we come across in the Chittur Taluk, I think it is quite satisfactory. I can't say that we cannot do better. I hope in future the progress will be greater.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With regard to the methods that the Government had been pursuing for the last so many years for bringing in as many students of school going age as possible into the neighbouring school, various methods have been suggested at different times. Were not all those applied in Chittur Taluk during the last ten years between the Census of 1931 and 1941? All methods usually mentioned by Government.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The methods must be suitable to the local condition and I can realise what the Hon'ble Member is driving at, namely with regard to the question of free compulsory education. For the information of this House in reply I may state that I was the Chairman of the committee which went round to elicit information on the question of primary education Bill and we got a good set-back from the Chittur people. The majority did not want compulsory primary education. What we do to-day is whenever a request for a new school comes forward immediately it is granted. The minimum strength is not insisted upon for the purpose of grant. As a matter of fact there are schools even now with very small strength. We have been actually sending out teachers from home to home to pursuade parents to send their children to schools.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether in the light of the answer previously given, whether the Government have known that in an area in the Chittur Taluk, namely, Kairady, out of 212 students of school going age within a radii of one and half miles only 70 attend school. I am stating this from the reports prepared, by a responsible officer of the Education Department.

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